



# Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule February, 2013

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Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See [www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu) for other programs.

**February 1, 15, 22**    *10:30 a.m.*    **Cowboys in the Rincons**    *2.5 Mile Guided Hike*  
Explore the history and nature of the Rincon Valley on this 2-hour, 2 ½-mile hike, where homesteaders and ranchers met, when cowboys and *vaqueros* roamed the saguaro forests and mountain heights. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended. **MEET AT LOMA ALTA TRAILHEAD.**

**February 2, 9, 16, 23**    *10:30 a.m.*    **Walk with the Saguaros**    *1 Mile Guided Walk*  
**5, 12, 19, 26**    *2:00 p.m.*  
Join a naturalist for this 2-hour, 1-mile easy walk to discover the many fascinating facts about the Saguaro cactus. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended.

**February 2, 9, 25**    *11:00 a.m.*    **Meet Your 4-Legged Rangers!**    *Presentation*  
Come meet the horses of Saguaro National Park in the visitor center parking lot. Discover the roles these animals have played in the history of the National Park Service.

**February 2, 9, 16, 23**    *2:00 p.m.*    **With and Without Water**    *2 Mile Hike*  
Join park staff to discover the effects of seasonal rains on the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended.

**February 3, 10, 24**    *10:30 a.m.*    **Arizona Rainforest**    *Easy Guided Walk*  
Join a park naturalist for this 90 minute stroll along a desert wash. We'll identify the trees of the cactus forest and learn how essential rain is to the abundant life of the Sonoran Desert. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended.

**February 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14**    *10:30 a.m.*    **Sonoran Lifestyles**    *1 Mile Guided Walk*  
**18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28**  
Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended.

**February 5, 19, 26**    *3:00 p.m.*    **Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert**  
*Presentation*  
Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians. *Wheelchair accessible.*

**February 6, 13, 20, 27 9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike 4 Mile Hike**

Join volunteer Dick Hollenback on this 3-hour, 4-mile hike to explore Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water and a trail snack.

**February 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30 a.m. Desert Discovery 2 Mile Hike**  
**11, 18, 25 2:00 p.m.**

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended.

**February 6, 13, 20 & 27 2:00 p.m. Rangering in the Rincons 2.5 Mile Guided Hike**

Come explore and exercise with a park ranger to discover some of the finest hiking destinations in the Rincon Mountains. Sturdy shoes and water are recommended.

**February 6, 13, 20 3:00 p.m. The Cooler Side of Saguaros Presentation**

Join park staff in the cool comfort of the visitor center auditorium to explore the life of the Saguaro Cactus. Discover how this cactus and other desert dwellers adapt to a life in an often challenging environment. Wheelchair accessible.

**February 7, 14, 21, 28 2:00 p.m. Cactus Caravan Auto Tour**

Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park! Wheelchair accessible.

**February 7, 14, 21, 28 3:00 p.m. Candid Camera Presentation**

Where are the mountain lions? Join park staff to view real video and candid snapshots of wildlife, right here at Saguaro National Park! You will find out about recently discovered species and discuss the loss of habitat of some of our large mammals.

**February 8 10:30 a.m. Habitat, Sweet Habitat Guided Walk**

Could you find food, water, shelter in the Sonoran Desert? Wildlife can! Find out how on this one mile walk into a rugged desert habitat in search of animal homes. Sturdy footwear and water are recommended

**February 8 7:00 p.m. Dark of the Moon Hike 2.5 Mile Guided Hike**

Join a park naturalist to explore the desert during the "Dark of the Moon". Sturdy walking shoes and water are recommended. **Reservations are required. Call (520)733-5153.**

**February 10, 17, 24 2:00 p.m. Park History 101 2 Mile Hike**

A hike down memory lane. Join park ranger Arlo Ogden on a two mile, two hour hike to discover some of the unique history of Saguaro National Park. Trails and topics change weekly.

**February 12 3:00 p.m. Here Come the Hummers Presentation**

Join a park naturalist in the visitor center auditorium to learn about the fast-moving lives of the Sonoran Desert's hummingbirds – those that live here year-round and soon-to-return migrants.

**February 14 7:00 p.m. Star Party Illustrated Program & Activity**

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. **Reservations required. Call (520)733-5153.**  
Wheelchair accessible.

**February 22 7:00 p.m. Night Walk 1 Mile Guided Walk**

Join a park naturalist for this easy 2-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight.

**Reservations required. Call (520)733-5153.**

**February 24 3:00 p.m. Sunset/Moonlight Hike 5 Mile Guided Hike**

View the Arizona sunset from a perch high in the foothills of the Rincon Mountains, then experience the magic of a walk through the moonlit Cactus Forest. Reservations are required. Call (520)733-5153.

**February 27. 3:00 p.m. The Expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza Presentation**

Join park ranger Al Watson in the visitor center auditorium to retrace the steps of Juan Bautista de Anza on his historic expedition of 1775 – 1776. What discoveries were made and hardships endured as these intrepid travelers made their way from Tubac, Arizona to San Francisco, California. *Wheelchair accessible.*